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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/750,717 ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
Filed: January 2, 2001 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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1. EP 673 641 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,735,908, submitted herewith.
2. EP 0 960 617 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
3. EP 0 557 203 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
4. FR 2 080 759 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
5. FR 2 190 406 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 3,986,825, submitted herewith.
6. FR 2 733 749 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,099,592, submitted herewith.
7. FR 2 750 048 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
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10. WO 94/08969 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found on the first page of the document
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12. DT 23 59 399 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,003,699, submitted herewith.
13. DE 38 43 892 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,061,289, submitted herewith.
14. DE 41 33 957 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,380,340, submitted herewith.
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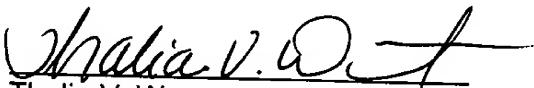
documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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